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Taylor County Workshop, Inc. Approved For Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Morgantown, WV – June 29, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Rural Business Enterprise Grant of \$95,550 for Taylor County Workshop, Inc., Taylor County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to purchase machinery and equipment necessary to establish a "Sediment and Erosion Control Product/Mulch and Compost" production line.

Steptoe remarked, "This project is expected to create 20 jobs and save 10 jobs. He added, "The expansion will allow Taylor County Workshop to provide job training opportunities for low-income and/or disabled adults."

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